

BCS FIRE MISSION PROCESSING

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V30 de B24 AF, k Grid 483 397 ALT 470, k INF PLT i/o, VT i/e, k

FO: 4 i/e

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;P:_;SB:_/_/_/;C:;SG:,_;DT:,_//_;ID:;A:_;_	
FM;CFF:_;TGT:;KNPT:;CORD://;GZ:;RV:	<u>.</u> ,
OB:;FST:;DIR:/;DIST:;SHIFT:_//_/;	
LAS:;TYPE:/;DOP:;SIZE:/;ATT:;	
CONT:;ME:;TIME:/;MIS:_;PRI:_;PTM:;	l
ASF://_;SH:/;FZ:/,/_;RDS:;VOL:;STR:;	5
EOM:_;RAT:_;ASNFPF:_;UFFE:_/_/_/,_/_/	
LOT:_/_;CHG:_;LOTS:_/_/_;CHGS:_/_;FIRINT:;	F
PTF:;SPTF:_/_/_;SHTF:_/_/_;	F
PFFE:;SHFFE:_/_/_/_;	
PLAN:;PHASE:_;HOB:;RG:;TOF:;MAXORD:;	
SHEAF:;VOLCMD:_;CSLOAD:_;RPT:_;	



TIME ON TARGET

HOW BCS WILL COMPUTE THE TIME TO FIRE:

TOT

- <u>(TOF + 5)</u>
- = BCS Time to fire

Calculations based on BCS system time

BCS will not allow you to execute if outside 10 minutes from TOT (or after specified TOT time)

BCS uses countdown clock in upper display to track

BCS will xmit "fire" to GDUs at 0 (if F8 pressed x2)

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BALLISTIC PROCESSING

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- BCS ballistic processing sequence (p. 3-1)
 - (1) Ammunition Components Selection(p. 3-1 to 3-3)
 - (2) Ballistic Preparation (p. 3-5 Charge Selection)
 - (3) Ballistic Solution (p. 3-1)

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FFE PROJECTILE SELECTION W



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EXAMPLE:

M198 BTRY (6 guns), no registration data available

Target Type/Subtype is Armor/Unknown

FM: BTRY (2)

AFU; AMMO file

HEF 10

HEA 100

HER 30

DETERMINE WHAT PROJECTILE
BCS WILL SELECT FOR FFE PHASE

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FFE PROJECTILE SELECTION



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BCS WILL SELECT FOR FFE PHASE

HEA – HEF DOES NOT HAVE

SUFFICIENT QUANTITY

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FFE PROJECTILE SELECTION W



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HEE

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CHARGE SELECTION

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- BCS selects the smallest charge from the selected propellant type that meets the trajectory requirement.
- BCS corrects the maximum range for the charge based on non-std conditions in the database.
- BCS compares the COB to COT Range to the Corrected Maximum Range for the charge.
- If the COB to COT Range is greater than 85% of the corrected maximum range than the BCS selects the next higher charge (low angle fire).
- If necessary, the BCS will change the selected propellant type.

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BALLISTIC PROCESSING

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- BALLISTIC SOLUTION ~>
 - (1) Applies MVVs from AFU; MVV if application criteria is met
 - (2) Applies corrections for all other non-standard condtions in the database (met msg, ptemp, etc.)
 - (3) Uses modified point-mass equation and other algorithims to determine Fire Commands



BCS MVV APPLICATION

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How FDO should apply MVVs:

- Same gun
- Same proj family
- Same prop lot
- Same charge or to other charges according to an order of preference:
 - » Down 1 chg
 - » Up 1 Chg
 - » Down 2 chgs
 - » Up 2 chgs
 - » To any other prefered chg
 - » From a prefered to a restricted chg

NEVER transfer a restricted chg!

How the BCS will apply MVVs:

- Same gun
- Same propellant type
- Same proj family
- Same prop lot
- Same charge or to other charges according to an order of preference:
 - > Down 1 chg
 - > Up 1 Chg
 - > Down 2 chgs
 - > Up 2 chgs
 - > Down 3 chgs
 - > Up 3 chgs

BCS <u>will</u> transfer a restricted charge!
•If no match is found BCS <u>will</u> transfer
from another lot of the same
type propellant!

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SHEAF SELECTION

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- Each howitzer's individual aiming point is based on the sheaf selected
- Entries in the SIZE, ATT, PTF, and SHEAF field determine which sheaf the BCS will select
- The BCS will select a default sheaf based on PTF:
 - 1 howitzer in FFE = CONVERGED SHEAF
 - 2 howitzers in FFE = OPEN SHEAF
 - 3 or more howitzers in FFE = BCS SPCL SHEAF
- EXCEPTIONS: If CPH, AML, AMS, APL, or APS is the shell to fire the BCS will always use a CONV SHEAF

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CONT:___/_;ME:___/__;TIME:_/_;MIS:_;PRI:_;PTM:____;
ASF:__/__/;SH:__/__;FZ:VT__/__,__/_;RDS:__;VOL:4_STR:___;
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EOM:_;CHG:_;LOTS:_/_/_;CHGS:_/_;FIRINT:___;
PTF:___;SPTF:__/_/_;SHTF:_/_/_/_/;
PFFE:___;SHFFE:_/_/_/_/_;
SHEAF:___;VOLCMD:_;CSLOAD:_;RPT:_;
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Cycle of Messages

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- Fire Commands
- FM; MTO (If OBS is entered in FM;CFF)
- FM;FOCMD Messages

Shot Splash Ready

Rounds Complete

Related Message Data

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FM; MTO

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Computed by BCS if observer # entered in OBS/FST

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ME: / ;CONT: / ;MIS:;OF: ;FPF:;CPRHD:R /7 / 5 / 16;
SHAJ: ;FZE: ;AUF://// ;SHEF: / ;FZ: / ;
UNITS: ;VOL: ;

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DIR 1300, L100, -50 FFE, k

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FM; SUBS

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- Most fields are the same as FM; CFF
- BCS will assume previously entered values for most fields unless the operator enters new data

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EOM:_;RAT:_;CONT:/FFE_;ME:/;UFFES:_/_/_/;PTM:;)
ASF://_;SH:/_;FZ:/_,/_;RDS:	١
LOT:_/_;CHG:_;LOTS:_/_/_;CHGS:_/_;FIRINT:;CMD:;SHEAF:;	_
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PFFE:;SHFFE:_/_/_/_/_;REP:_;ALT:;GTAZ:;GTRG:;	١
ACORD://_;AGZ:;	_
HOB:;RG:;TOF:;MAXORD:;	3
RARP: :RATI: :TIRPT: :LOT2R: :VOLCMD: :CSLOAD: :RPT: :	



R10, EOM, PLT DISP, EST 15 CAS, k



BCS SPECIAL SITUATIONS

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GFT SETTING / TGPC

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- BCS database stores non-std conditions, therefore the BCS applies non-std conditions to every fire mission
- Conduct Dry-Fire MSN using polar method of target location (with False observer at base piece location) U and use the BCS solution to construct a GFT Setting S for manual backup
- Use AOF for Direction & usually a MET Check Gage Point for range.



Determine a GFT Setting using the following UCARET:

GFT K, CHG 2, LOT A/G, RG 4080, EL ? TI ? (M582)



Use the following equations to determine converged TGPC's:

TI
-BP TI
TI CORR

DF
-BP DF
DF CORR

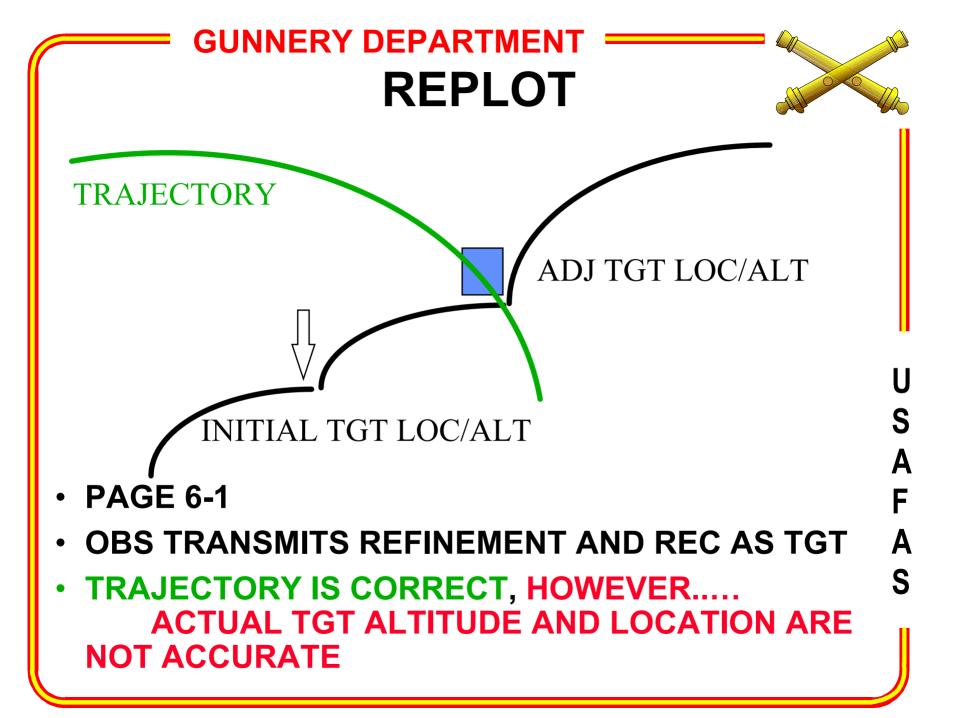
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-BP QE
QE CORR

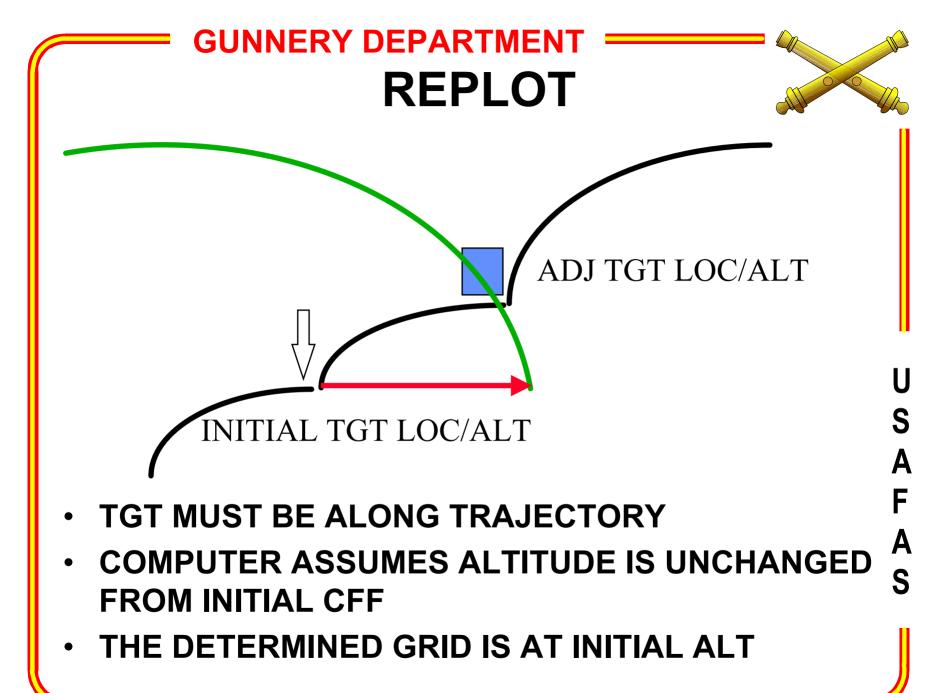
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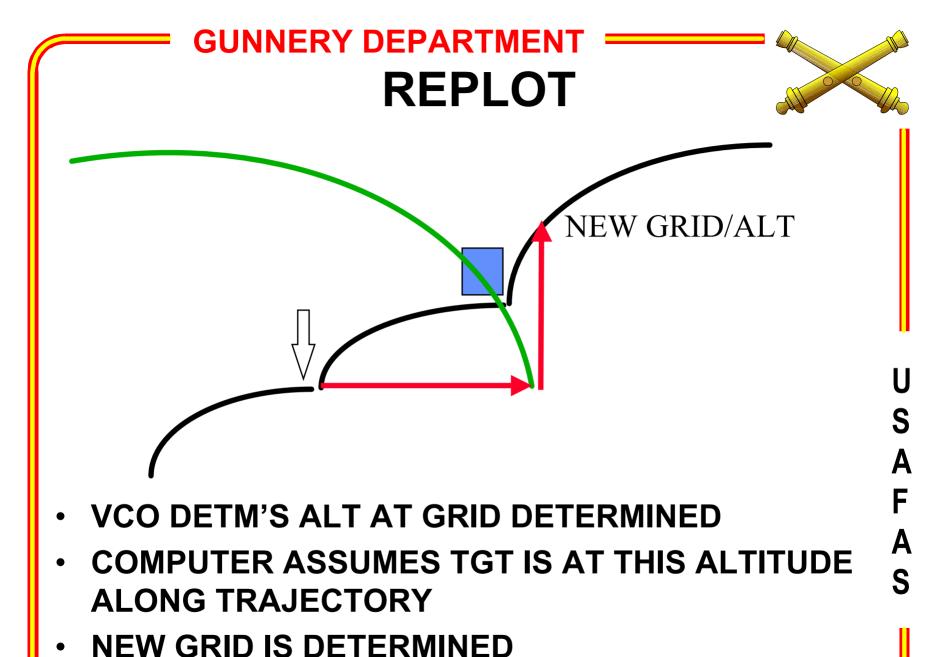


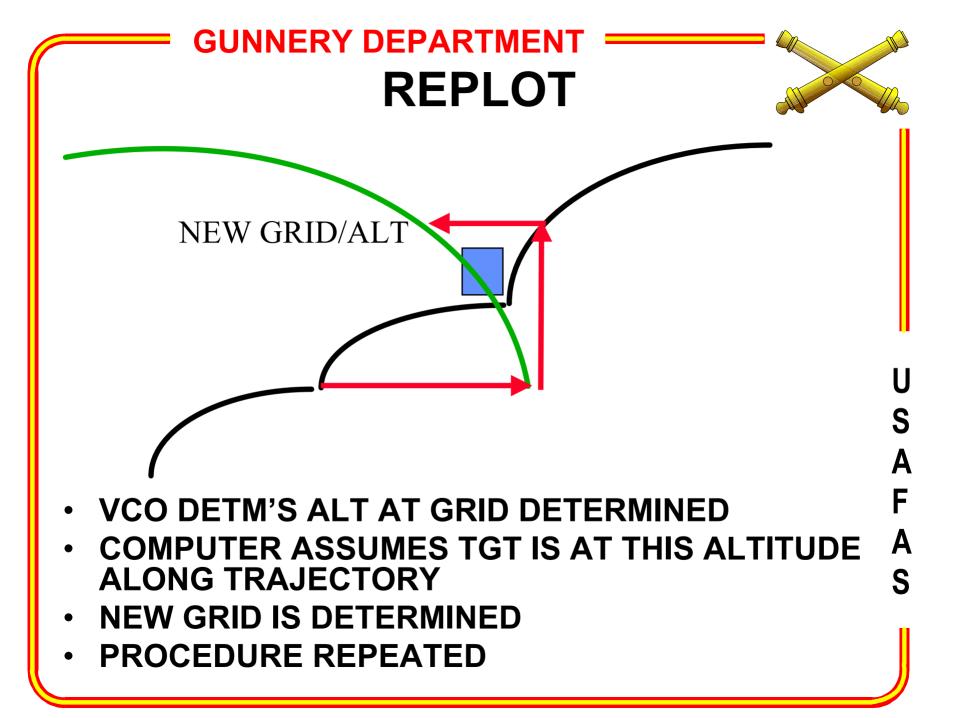
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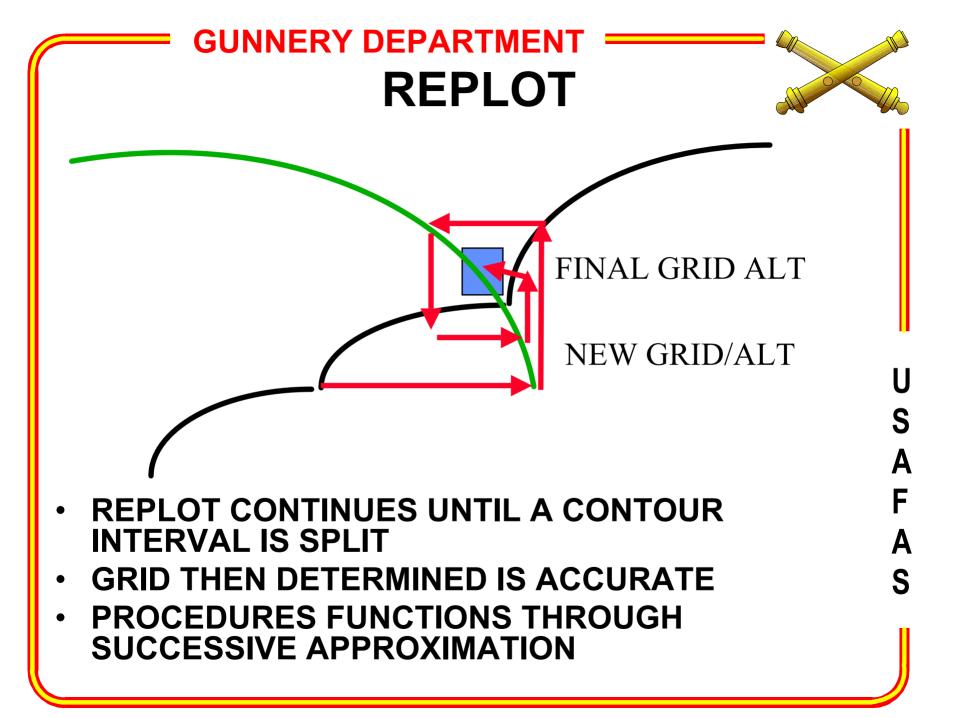
REPLOT













ILLUMINATION

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FDC CONTROLLED COORDINATED ILLUMINATION

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- THE OBSERVER WILL TRANSMIT COORDINATED ILLUM TO THE FDC
- THE OBSERVER WILL TRANSMIT ILLUMINATION MARK AT THE TIME THE TARGET IS BEST ILLUMINATED
- USE LEGA ENTRIES FOR METHOD OF FIRE IN APP. C

FDC CONTROLLED COORDINATED ILLUMINATION

- THE FDC TIMES THE INTERVAL BETWEEN ACTUAL FIRING OF ROUNDS AND TRANSMISSION OF ILLUMINATION MARK
- COMPARING THIS INTERVAL TO THE HE TOF, THE FDC CONTROLS FIRING SO HE ROUNDS IMPACT AT TIME OF MAXIMUM ILLUMINATION

COORDINATED ILLUMINATION

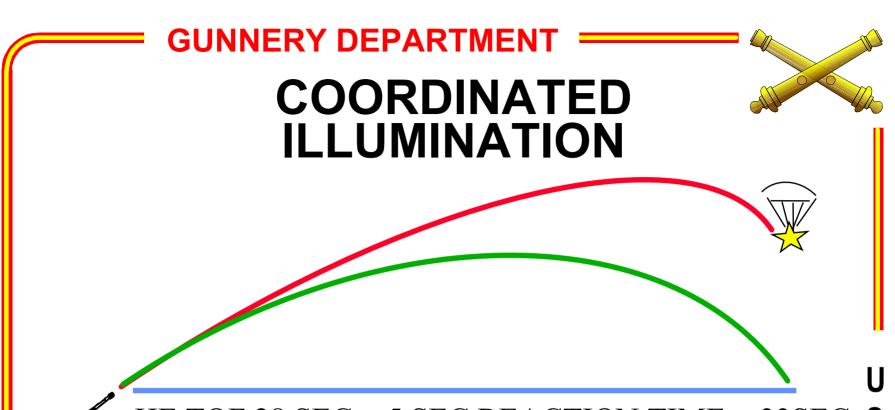






62 SECONDS FROM ILLUM SHOT TO MARK

- FDC FIRES ILLUM AND STARTS TIMER
- **OBS TRANSMITS "ILLUMINATION MARK" WHEN** TGT AREA IS BEST ILLUMINATED
- TOTAL ELAPSED TIME IS MARK TIME

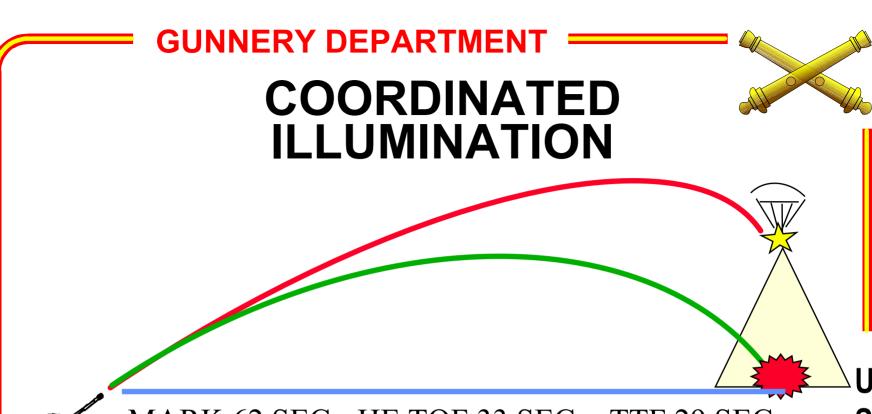




HE TOF 28 SEC + 5 SEC REACTION TIME = 33SEC \$

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- OBS TRANSMITS HE CALL FOR FIRE
- FDC DETERMINES HE TIME OF FLIGHT AND ADDS 5 SEC REACTION TIME
- FDC SUBTRACTS HE TOF + 5 SECS FROM MARK TIME TO DETERMINE TIME TO FIRE (TTF) HE





MARK 62 SEC - HE TOF 33 SEC = TTF 29 SEC

- FDC FIRES ILLUM, STARTS TIMER
- FDC FIRES HE AFTER DETERMINED AMOUNT OF TIME (TTF) HAS ELAPSED
- HE BURSTS UNDER OPTIMUM ILLUM



CONTINUOUS ILLUMINATION

- FDC WILL FIRE ILLUMINATION CONTINUOUSLY (RATE OF FIRE DEPENDS UPON PROJECTILE) WHILE THE OBSERVER ADJUSTS THE HE
- THIS METHOD EXPENDS A LARGE QUANTITY OF AMMO AND IS THE <u>LEAST</u> DESIRABLE METHOD

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LASER MISSIONS

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SIX TYPES OF LASER MISSIONS



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- STATIONARY TARGET
- PREDICTED TARGET
- DRAW TARGET
- RESECTION
- TRILATERATION
- TRIANGULATION

- STGT
- PRED
- DRAW/LAST
- RESECT
- TRILAT
- TRIANG

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OBSERVER SELF LOCATION MISSIONS

- Allows BCS operator to determine Observer location based upon direction, distance and/or VA from observer to one or two known points
- BCS automatically updates FM;OBCO format with new observer information

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STGT TARGET MISSION

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- THE OBSERVER LASES THE <u>TARGET</u>, AND AN ADJUSTING ROUND IS FIRED
- THE OBSERVER THEN LASES THE <u>BURST</u> OF THE ADJUSTING ROUND
- THE BCS WILL COMPARE THE LASINGS OF THE <u>TARGET</u> AND THE <u>BURST</u>, AND DETERMINE A CORRECTION TO MOVE THE NEXT ROUND TO THE TARGET



PREDICTED POINT

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- OBSERVER LASES A POINT WHICH THE TARGET IS EXPECTED TO MOVE
- THE MISSION IS REQUESTED AS AN <u>AMC FFE</u> MISSION
- THE OBSERVER CONTROLS THE FIRING TO ENSURE THE <u>SIMULTANEOUS</u> ARRIVAL OF THE <u>TARGET</u> AND <u>PROJECTILE</u> AT THE <u>PREDICTED</u> <u>POINT</u>

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LASER DRAW MISSION

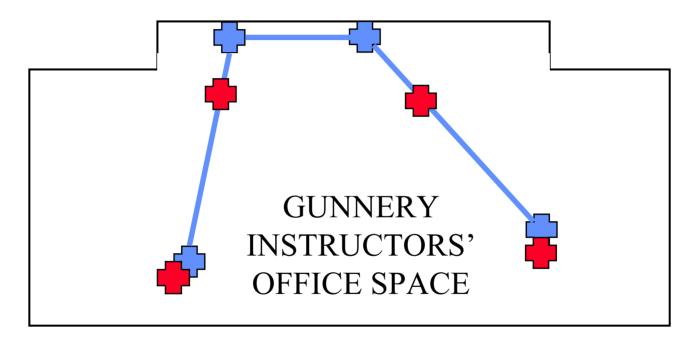
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- THE OBSERVER IDENTIFIES AN IRREGULAR SHAPED TARGET BY LASING 2 TO 8 POINTS
- REQUIRES THE BCS TO HAVE AT LEAST 3 GUNS IN BCS; PIECES OPERATIONAL



LASER DRAW MISSION

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- LASED POINTS
- HOWITZER AIMPOINTS



BCS PRIORITY MISSIONS

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 BCS CAN STORE 4 PRIORITY MISSIONS FOR 155MM HOWITZERS AND 1 FOR 105MM.

BCS CAN ASSIGN EITHER:

- 155MM
- 1 FPF AND 3 PRIORITY COPPERHEAD MISSIONS.
- OR 4 COPPERHEAD MISSIONS.
- 105MM
- 1 FPF



FINAL PROTECTIVE FIRE

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FPFs

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- All guns are laid on FPF data when not firing
- Adjusted FPF vs. Non-adjusted FPF
- FPF Sheafs
 - Wall of Steel: do not leave holes in the wall
 - Linear sheaf: length is based on burst width
 - Laser Draw: traces actual terrain
- Entered using FM;CFF Format

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M712 COPPERHEAD

COPPERHEAD MISSION PROCESSING (CON'T)



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- THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED WILL NOT BE GREATER THAN <u>SIX</u> AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOWITZERS ASSIGNED TO THE MISSION WILL BE TWO
- ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIFIC HOWITZERS TO FIRE IS BASED ON COMMUNICATION STATUS CODE IN BCS; PIECES ("C" or "W")



FIRE PLANS



FIRE PLANS

CHAPTER 4

- FIREPLAN TARGETS ARE ENTERED USING THE NNFP;CFF FORMAT
- TARGETS CAN BE INPUT INDIVIDUALLY BY BCS OPERATOR OR CAN BE TRANSMITTED DIGITALLY TO THE BCS AND ENTERED AS A GROUP



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ME:___/__;SH:__/__;FZ:___/__,_/_;RDS:__;SIZE:___/__;ATT:___;
MMD:___/__;FZOPT:___;HOB:___;CONOPT:___;
WPNLOC:___/___/;SHTF:_/_//_/_;
PTF:___;SPTF:__/_/_/;SHTF:_/_//_/_;
LOTS:_/_/_;CHGS:_/;HOB:___;FR:_;
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EXECUTION of FIRE PLANS

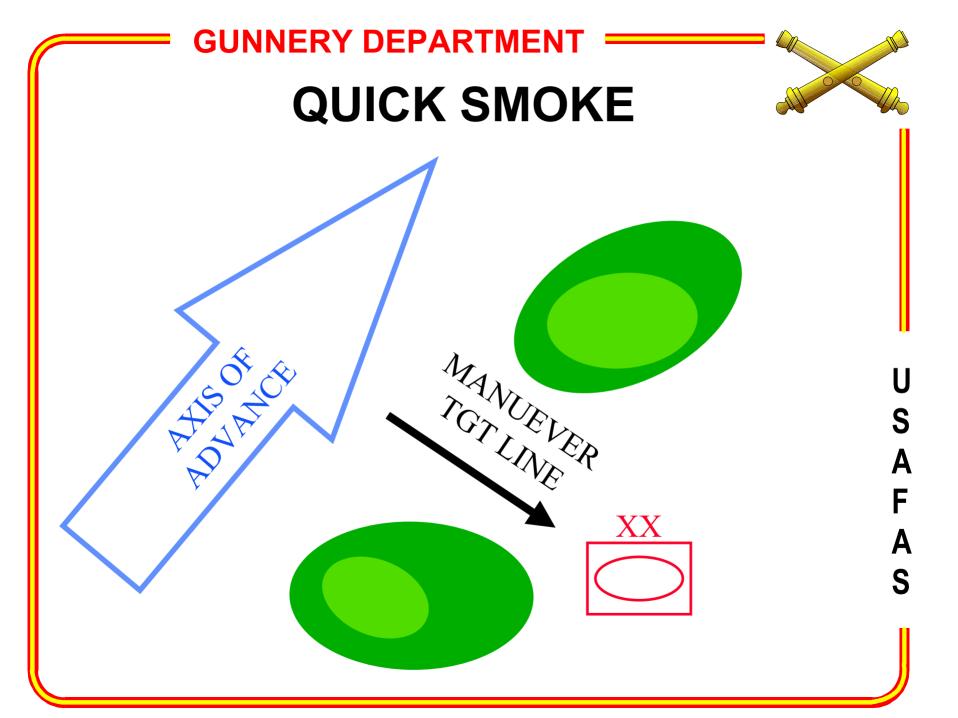
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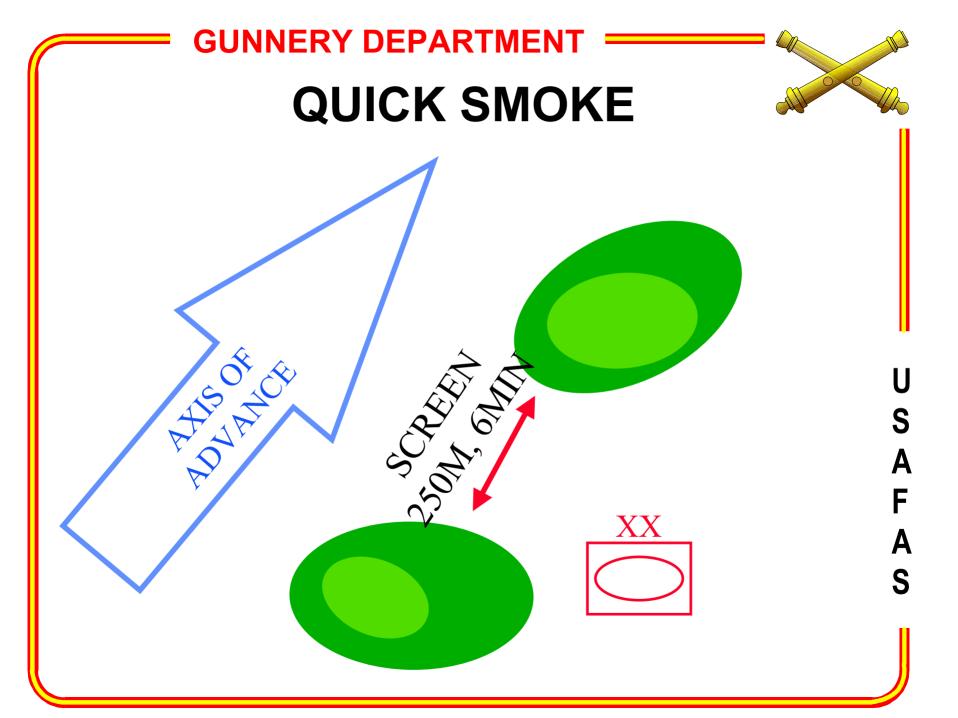
- FM;CFF:O GENERATED 10 MINUTES BEFORE TIME TO FIRE
 - TIME TO FIRE EQUALS H-HOUR PLUS H, MINUS TIME
 OF FLIGHT PLUS 5 SECOND REACTION TIME
- FM;CFF:O PLACED IN INPUT QUEUE FOR OPERATOR EXECUTION, PROCESSING, AND FIRING
- CYCLE THROUGH ALL PLANNED TARGETS IN THIS MANNER



QUICK SMOKE

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QUICK SMOKE

p. 6-8 to 6-15

- OBSERVER TRANSMITS CFF IN THE FORM OF LMDIRT-
 - LENGTH OF SCREEN
 - MANUEVER-TGT DIRECTION
 - DIRECTION OF WIND
 - DURATION OF SCREEN
- FDO DETERMINES FIRE ORDER
- FDC DETERMINES FIRING DATA



CALL FOR FIRE

F21 de H55 FFE $_{\rm K}$ GRID 1450 4670 EST ALT 450 $_{\rm K}$ SCREEN MOVEMENT 250 M, DIR 1950,TAIL, 6MIN $_{\rm K}$



FDC DETERMINES

- RELATIVE HUMIDITY 50%
- WINDSPEED LINE 00 16 KNOTS
- LOCATION GERMANY
- CURRENT CLOUD COVER CLOUDY
- TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE WARM



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M825 SMOKE FIRE ORDER

PASQUILL CATEGORY D

SMOKE TABLE D-9

WINDSPEED ____

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FROM SMOKE TABLE

R1

R2

FIRE INTERVAL

4

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1.5



NUMBER OF VOLLEYS TO FIRE

$$\frac{6}{1.5}$$
 = 4

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WHO WILL FIRE?

LEFT		CENTER	RIGHT	
PLT		PLT	! PLT	
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X	X		XX	R1
			XX	R2
			XX	KZ
			XX	R2
				R2



FIRE ORDER

RIGHT PLT 4 RDS, LEFT PLT 1 RD, BRAMC, SH M825

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FIRE CONTROL INFORMATION

FOR VERSION 10 SOFTWARE ONLY

- FFE
 - RANGES LESS THAN 10K ADD 50M TO TGT ALT
 - RANGES GREATER THAN 10K ADD 100M TO TGT ALT
- AF
 - RANGES LESS THAN 10K UP 50M PRIOR TO FIRING M825
 - RANGES GREATER THAN 10K UP 100M
 PRIOR TO FIRING M825